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Mr. Bob McAnelly, Chairman
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Dear Mr. McAnelly,

I am writing to request a Louisiana Board of Ethics opinion on a pending issue and the ramifications it could have on the operations of the West Baton Rouge Parish Assessor's Office, hereafter referred to as the "WBRPAO".

Presently I am the Chief Deputy Assessor for the WBRPAO. In August of 2019 I qualified, unopposed, for the position of Assessor in West Baton Rouge Parish. My term as Assessor of West Baton Rouge Parish will begin January 1, 2021.

I currently hold an active CPA license in the State of Louisiana and for the past fifteen years have provided accounting and income tax services for small business clients while being employed by the WBRPAO. Presently I am providing accounting services, as an independent contractor, for the Eighteenth Judicial District Public Defender's Office and Port City Enterprises, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit agency. The referenced clients are audited annually by an independent CPA and have received clean audit opinions the entire duration I have performed accounting services for them. It is my desire to retain these clients when I begin my term as Assessor of West Baton Rouge Parish in January 2021.

I am requesting an ethics opinion as to any conflicts should I continue to provide accounting services for the two clients referenced above once I begin my term as Assessor of West Baton Rouge Parish on January 1, 2021.

Best Regards,

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Chief Deputy Assessor, West Baton Rouge Parish

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